



June 12, 2002

Federal Election Commission
Office of General Counsel
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

MUR # 5275

Re: Violation of Campaign Finance Law

Dear General Counsel:

Please consider this letter as a formal complaint concerning a violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971. The information contained in this letter is true based on my personal knowledge of the facts contained in this letter. I am also writing this letter on behalf of Friends of David Fink, the designated committee for David Fink who is a candidate for U.S. Representative in Congress in the 9th Michigan Congressional District.

On May 18, 2002, I received a letter, which is enclosed with this complaint. I subsequently learned that this letter was sent to all of the contributors and vendors of the Friends of David Fink. The reason I believe that all contributors and vendors received it is because the letter was addressed to certain vendors who were not contributors and the name and address matched the vendor name and address in the report that we filed.

Under Section 441 d (a) of the Act, whenever any person makes an expenditure advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate it must state the name of the person who paid for it. 2 USC Section. 441 (d) (a) (3). Under Section 431 (18) if the name of the candidate involved appears it is "clearly identified" for purposes of the Act. The letter clearly advocates the defeat of Mr. Fink and advocates the election of Senator Carl Levin and Representative Sander Levin. The names of these candidates are clearly mentioned in the letter. The letter is also signed by a "former David Fink supporter" indicating that at one time the person advocated the election of David Fink but no longer does so.

There was no identification appearing on the letter. There was no return address on the outside of the envelope.

Therefore, I request that the Federal Elections Commission investigate this violation of federal law and take appropriate action.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gene A. Farber".

Gene A. Farber,
Counsel Friends of David Fink

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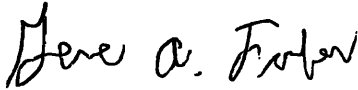
) ss:

County of Oakland)

Gene A. Farber, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he has read the information in the accompanying letter addressed to the Federal Election Commission dated June 12, 2002 and signed by him.

The information contained in the letter is true based on his personal knowledge of the facts except that the information contained concerning the source of the list is based on my belief as to the truth of those facts.



Gene A. Farber

Subscribed to and sworn before me this
12 day of June, 2002


Virginia Tappen, Notary Public,

Oakland County, Michigan

My Commission Expires: 03/09/04

Dems' hopes dim in House races

Michigan shapes up as a real drag on Democratic hopes of regaining control of the U.S. House.

Democrats currently have a 9-7 edge in Michigan's House delegation. Unless a federal court pulls a surprise by rejecting congressional redistricting mapped by the GOP-ruled Legislature, Republicans next year will have the edge in what will be a 15-member delegation.

Michigan is losing a seat because its population did not grow as fast as in some other states. Congressional reapportionment is mandated based on Census counts at the beginning of every decade.

Michigan Democrats can count on retaining six seats, including the two held by John Conyers and Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick in Detroit — and insist they will be competitive in two more races.

Macomb County Prosecutor Carl Marlinga against Republican Secretary of State Candice Miller for the 10th District seat that Rep. David Bonior, D-Mt. Clemens, is abandoning to run for governor. The new district includes Huron, Sanilac, Lapeer and St. Clair counties and the northern portion of Macomb.

Miller has been favored from the outset in the GOP-friendly district. Republican leaders who drew the district not only wanted to map Bonior out of office, they also wanted to lure Miller into the race and out of any challenge of Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus for the gubernatorial nomination.

Miller's prospects have been enhanced by two developments. One is the labor support she has garnered, most notably from the Michigan Teamsters and the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights.

Furthermore, Miller has been raking in money. She's expected to report well more than \$1 million next month.

Attorney David Fink, of West Bloomfield against Rep. Joe Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield Township, in the new 9th Congressional District comprised of a portion of Oakland County.

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As of March 31, Fink had raised an impressive \$567,722. That compares with a mere \$207,948 spent by 2000 Democratic challenger Matthew Frumin who lost 56-41 percent to Knollenberg, who spent \$1.1 million and will not have a money problem this year.

Fink is a savvy candidate. Furthermore, initial indications were that the new 9th Congressional District was not as favorable for Knollenberg as the 10th is for Miller.

But cry not for Knollenberg. Lansing pollster Ed Sarpolus, a reapportionment wizard who Friday released an analysis of the new district, says even if there is a Democratic landslide on the statewide ticket, the Democratic base in the new district would be only 42.8 percent.

If it's a Republican year, according to Sarpolus, the Democratic base in the reconfigured district would be 36.5 percent. He says U.S. Sen. Carl Levin in 1996 and Atty. Gen. Frank Kelley in 1994 were the only statewide Democratic candidates to carry the territory that is now the 9th district.

There's further sobering news for Marlinga and Fink in the May 13 issue of Time magazine on their prospects of getting much outside help. It quotes California Rep. Nancy Pelosi, who replaced Bonior as House minority whip, as declaring "you have to be very cold-blooded in how you allocate resources."

Time then said: "So the party is bypassing races in Ohio and Michigan, where redistricting has given Republicans the edge, and targeting millions of dollars in races against vulnerable GOP incumbents in such states as Connecticut and Iowa."

Walking warriors

Money is indeed important in



Knollenberg



Miller



Marlinga

campaigns. So is shoe leather.

Democrat Aldo Vagnozzi of Farmington announced Saturday he will walk from there to the state Capitol May 15 to get some attention for his campaign for the state House.

Also on Saturday, members of the Michigan AFL-CIO were scheduled to fan out across the state to pass out literature for Bonior, their endorsed candidate for governor. Bonior himself is quite a walker, having written a book about the 325-mile hike he and his wife Judy made in 1997 from their Mt. Clemens home to Mackinaw City.

Part of the union's walking gig was staged in the new 15th Congressional District to highlight the day's endorsement announcement of its largest affiliate, the United Auto Workers, for U.S. Rep. John Dingell, D-Dearborn.

Because of the above-mentioned redistricting, Dingell faces a primary battle with another Democratic incumbent, Lynn Rivers of Ann Arbor.

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Dear Fellow David Fink Supporter,

As the above article shows, David's race is virtually impossible to win even if he spends millions of his own money. Ed Sarpolus, the political guru quoted is a Democrat! David is a special person and will have his time. Especially at a time like this, however with all the problems in the Middle East, our community needs to put its resources behind candidates who can win like the Levin brothers and others. We will be redirecting our political contributions to races that can win and will ensure a strong pro-Israel voice in Congress and in Lansing. We urge everyone to do the same.

Former David Fink Supporter